

individual whose blood is introduced is of pre-potent reproductive fertility. The Paulistas of Brazil illustrate very remarkably the stimulating effect of a single alien strain. They are, perhaps, the most forceful of the mixed races of South America, and for many generations they exhibited in war and in slave hunting a fierce energy which made them the terror of their neighbours. It was, indeed, their courage that preserved Southern Brazil from Spanish domination. At the present time their energy flows in more peaceful channels: they grow the coffee which is the main staple of Brazil and has so greatly enriched the province of San Paulo. They claim descent from a Portuguese sailor who was shipwrecked on the coast early in the sixteenth century, and settled amongst the Indians. When, thirty years later, he was discovered by a party of explorers, he had become the patriarch of a tribe of half-breeds.

In cases where cross-breeding takes the form of a general intermixture of two or more races, there is a tendency for that strain to prevail whose representatives are most numerous, whose peculiarities are most deeply seated, or whose features and characters are most in accord with the environmental influences of the country. Circumstances are, then, usually in favour of the native strain, especially when the natives have been spared from slaughter in considerable

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those who have been long established
in a country
have developed in directions that are
favoured by
its climate or other conditions. This is
especially
the case with strains of southern
blood. which
appear to be so tenacious of their
qualities as to
overpower, in the course of time, any
northern
blood that comes into mixture with
them in less
than greatly preponderating
quantities.
The gradual absorption of alien
blood is no
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